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1. Because of restrictions on trade between East Germany and West Germany, the East German government has been unable to obtain delivery on equipment for a tube rolling mill from Schloemann AG (Duesseldorf, Steinstr. 13)¹ and Meer AG (Muenchen-Gladbach, Karmannstr. 29) in accordance with an agreement signed in the fall of 1950. Consequently East Germany turned to the people's democracies and concluded agreements with Poland and Czechoslovakia in line with the policy of scientific-technical cooperation.
2. On 16 June 1951 Poland agreed to make the plans for a pipe rolling mill built in accordance with the Mannesmann reciprocating rolling process available to East Germany. The first set of drawings only arrived on 1 June 1952 and the second set on 14 August 1952.
3. An agreement was signed with Czechoslovakia on 25 July 1951, whereby Czechoslovakia was to make available any pipe rolling mill plans which German experts might select. However, the experts were only first able to make the trip from 15 - 24 July 1952, because the approval of their papers was held up. A large number of plans were selected and requested on 5 August 1952 in accordance with the signed agreement. These had not been delivered as of 26 August 1952.
4. The plans from Poland are not complete, and it is planned to send experts to Poland to draw up blueprints for those parts without plans. It is also planned to send people to Czechoslovakia to expedite the delivery of the promised plans.
5. As the first step it is planned to erect a Mannesmann process rolling mill set with a punch press, a slant rolling mill, and a connected reducing rolling mill, which would be able to produce pipes of between 18 and 108 millimeters in diameter at a monthly rate of 3,000 tons. The preparatory order has been already given to ABUS, Wildau. It is planned that the first construction stage of the new rolling mill be ready for operation at Riesa by 1 July 1953, so that planned production could begin by 1 September 1953.

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6. In 1953 it is planned that the order for the second construction stage be given to ABUS, Wildau. This is to be based on the Czechoslovakian plans, which are for a tube rolling mill set with a slant rolling mill and a heated reducing rolling mill for pipes from four to ten inches. It would have a monthly capacity of between 6,000 and 7,000 tons including casting pipes. This plant must be ready by the end of 1953.

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7. [Redacted] Comments: Although the planned shipment from Schleiermair at Weiden did not take place in this case, [Redacted] from another source, reports the delivery of two large presses from Schleiermair to ABUS Wildau through Czechoslovakia.

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